













## THE AVALANCHE.

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### LOCAL ITEMS.

READER, a cross marked after your name on this paper, signifies that the time for which you have paid has expired, and we need some money now.

Otsego county fair Oct. 4 and 5.

Mrs. F. Hardor started yesterday for a visit to Oakland county.

WANTED.—A good yoke of oxen. F. I. BARKER, Frederville, Mich.

Look out for a new advertisement from Salling, Hanson & Co. next week.

Mr. Douglass Prosser is clerking in the store of Messrs. Salling, Hanson & Co.

Mr. Chas. Hardor started southward yesterday and will take in the Otsego fair.

Messrs. R. Hanson and E. Purchase went to East Saginaw yesterday to attend the fair.

Jasper West is getting the material on the ground for a new dwelling on the south side.

Miss Edith Jordan and Miss Mary Jones will start for the south part of the State Friday night.

Station-agent W. A. Moseley made a flying trip to his home in Ann Arbor on Saturday night last.

Dr. Nelson, Northport, says: "I sell a large quantity of Brown's Iron Bitters, and find it well liked."

FOR SALE.—A good yoke of work oxen. Inquire at this office or of Dr. Wm. H. Niles, on sec. 8, t. 26 n. 1 e.

Mr. John Kelley and family are in camp at Portage Lake, enjoying the pleasant but weather and good fishing.

Messrs. J. O. and P. Haskley and their mother good-bye yesterday, as she started for home after a pleasant visit.

The house formerly occupied by Mr. N. Mickelson has been utilized by Salling, Hanson & Co. as a boarding house for their mill employees.

Rev. S. Edgumbe was transferred from this to the Adrian district and will supply the pulpit at Carleton and Secord, Monroe county.

Mrs. A. Taylor returned from the east last week, where she was called by the illness of her mother, who died before she reached the old home.

Last Friday, Jas. Delaney, a brakeman on a freight train, fell between the cars at Roseau and had a foot crushed. He was taken to the Bay City hospital.

The recent rains have given the newly sown wheat and rye a magnificent start and helped the new clover, all of which is in prime condition throughout the county.

Mrs. C. D. Caster and Miss Hattie Bell, sister of Mrs. O. J. Bell and niece of County clerk Bell, took the morning train for their Jackson county home yesterday.

The township board has appointed O. Palmer town treasurer in place of L. Jensen, who has moved from the place. Mr. D. Kneeland will continue as deputy, and will pay orders at the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

Mrs. O. Palmer was called to Otsego county yesterday on account of the serious illness of her niece, Miss Minnie Niles, who will be remembered by our young people, as she spent several months here last winter and spring.

All members of the 8th, 17th and 20th Michigan Infantry, also the 1st and 24th Sharp Shooters, 79th New York, 10th Pennsylvania and the N. Y. Irish brigade, are requested to meet with the 2d Mich. Inf. at Lansing on Oct. 11th.

Mr. C. E. Strunk has opened a news depot in the room adjoining the AVALANCHE office, where he proposes to keep the latest standard magazines, papers, etc. This will supply a great need here; and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage. He will also keep a line of novelties, always wanted, but seldom found in our general stores.

We have received from the commissioner of Immigration, H. N. Walker, a copy of the third edition of "Michigan and Its Resources," which has been carefully compiled, and considerable matter given in addition to that contained in the other volumes. Send a copy, which can be procured from the commissioner, to your eastern friends.

The addition and changes in the AVALANCHE are now complete and we imagine that we are in much more convenient shape for business. The front is now occupied as our private office and for each business we may have as justice of the Peace; the counting room is in the center and the press room in the rear, while the addition on the west side is occupied by Mr. Strunk as a news depot. Kalamazoo and print has worked wonders in the appearance of the place and we are now ready to receive our friends.

Mr. Joseph Sewell wishes to announce to the people of Pere County and surrounding country that he has in stock a general assortment of Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, etc., which he is disposing of at the lowest prices for cash. Give him a call and be convinced.

The day is passed when the public could be humbugged by imitations of Sarsaparilla, although like base coin, frequently detected by the very consequence of its currency, and as often nailed against the counter it has deceived, yet will the perpetrators still persevere in basing upon the unwary, invalid by spurious recommendations and imaginary cures. Buy Johnston's Extract of Sarsaparilla and you will suffer no imposition.

The party given by Messrs. Wild & Wheeler, of the Grayling House, last Friday evening, was not so largely attended as it deserved. All who were present unite in saying that the arrangements were perfect, thoroughly proving the capabilities of the hosts. The supper was pronounced the best ever spread here and one that would do honor to the best city hotels. No expense was spared in procuring the best that the city markets afforded and the arrangement of the tables was exquisite. Though a financial failure to the proprietors, we hope they will not be entirely discouraged, but charge the nonattendance to a combination of circumstances which may never occur again.

As an evidence of the rapid improvements and settlement of our county we notice the report of County surveyor Newman, who was last week in South Branch township. Taking the road from Roseau to the Scott neighborhood, for five miles both sides of the road is lined with farms that for productiveness and the evidences of thrift and comfort will compare favorably with the older portions of the State. H. Richardson has a magnificent crop of oats and hay and fine vegetables.

Mr. Scott has a good fenced habitation, has about 70 acres under cultivation and crops of all kinds that are satisfactory. The Stecker farm, which is one of the oldest in the neighborhood, yielded 24 bushels of wheat to the acre. He has sown a nice field which is looking finely. Messrs. Currie and Richmond are doing well and will have good yields of the finest potatoes possible to be grown. Dr. Revere has one of the finest gardens in the county, and a medical museum that makes the natives stare, as much of it is Greek to them, but perfectly familiar to the Dr. A much larger area of wheat and rye is sown this fall than ever before and the productive-ness of the plains is proven beyond a doubt, and will be conceded by all who will visit this section.

We clip the following from a report of the Detroit M. E. Conference, held at Flint, regarding Presiding Elder Richards of this district:

RECEIVED A "GAINING."  
Just as the Rev. Mr. Richards had taken his seat after completing his report, the Rev. W. M. Campbell, of Cheboygan, arose on the opposite side of the house, and with a fervency of expression in his eyes and determination of manner approached to where Mr. Richards sat. He held in his right hand a stout cane, which he vainly endeavored to conceal behind his back from the gaze of the now curious on-lookers. Addressing Mr. Richards the angry-looking Mr. Campbell said that he had been deputized by his co-laborers in the Alpena district, from the presiding eldership of which Mr. Richards was about retiring, to chastise him in some suitable manner, and had resolved, before the whole conference assembled, to exhibit to him to a severe "gaining." Mr. Richards, who looked the very picture of astonishment, now began to comprehend the drift of the remarks directed towards him, and when Mr. Campbell handed him, amid great applause, a beautiful gold-headed cane, came, appropriately engraved, "He gathered himself sufficiently together to return his sincere thanks for the tangible evidence of the love and esteem in which he was held by the ministers in the Alpena district, among whom he cherished recollections of many happy associations, in suitable and well chosen language. This little incident was of a very touching nature and at the time there was many an eye in the audience dimmed with tears.

Rev. L. P. Davis is the newly appointed presiding elder of this district.

FOR SALE.  
A good coal stove, as good as new, for sale cheap at the Grayling House.

NOTICE.  
Is hereby given, by the undersigned, freeholders of the township of Maple Forest in the county of Crawford, that an application will be made to the Board of Supervisors of said county of Crawford, at the next meeting to be held on the 8th day of October, in the year of 1883, to erect and provide for the organization of a new township, to be called the township of Antwerp, and to embrace the following described territory, to-wit: Town 28, north of range 1 west, to be set off from town 28, north of range 2 west, Maple Forest township, county of Crawford, State of Michigan.

Filed Sept. 19, A. D. 1883.  
(Signed.) Benj. F. Sherman, Jeremiah Sherman, Jos. R. Hamilton, P. M. Hoyt, John B. Galt, Lewis R. Smith, Wm. H. Sherman, Conrad Hodge, W. H. Smith, B. B. Hodge, John McAlpin, Henry Kibbles, Herbert Edmon, J. G. W. Crawford.

### MARRIED.

In Frederville, Sept. 19th, 1883, at the residence of J. A. Barker, Esq., by Rev. Wm. Putnam, Wm. H. Sherman, of Maple Forest, and Alice C. Barker, of Frederville.

May the blessings of God attend them, And their sorrows be few, And their misadventures small, And their joys be many.

In peace may they always travel, And through the journey of life, May they be a united husband and wife, And she a devoted wife.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICKVILLE.

EDITOR AVALANCHE:

Weather cloudy and occasionally a little fall of rain; not very severe or frequent frosts, and really nothing for it (the frost) to do; the oldest inhabitant does not remember of so severe a freeze so early in the season since this part of the world began. Even the blackberries frozen on the bushes in the most sheltered localities.

Jesse A. Barker was 64 years old on Wednesday, Sept. 19th, and the young folks thought they would celebrate the event by making the old man a present of a son-in-law. After some persuasion his daughter, Miss Alice Barker, consented to entrust her future to the care of Wm. H. Sherman, of Maple Forest. Everybody seemed well satisfied, and perhaps Mr. Barker may receive a similar present on his next birthday or some other birthday, as he has still another daughter. The happy couple took the night train for a short trip south, and will then commence life in earnest on Mr. Sherman's farm in Maple Forest.

Since my last communication we hail the advent of some new-comers, viz: Mr. L. H. Decker, from Iowa, and his nephew, Mr. Nelson Cole, from Barry county, this State. They intend to locate among us.

Lumbermen are beginning operations in our vicinity and the winter promises to bring work to all who desire it.

### COMETARY PHENOMENA.

On Monday night about midnight, the 10th inst., Prof. Swift, director of the Warner Observatory, N. Y., discovered another comet in the same constellation with the one recently found by Prof. Brooks. It is moving almost directly toward the earth, and hence shows very little motion, so that Prof. Swift found it difficult to verify and was unable to do so until last Saturday night. The two comets will very likely cross each other's orbits in their progress, and their appearance so nearly together, and within so short a space of time, is a most singular, if not a significant fact.

### A GREAT PICTURE.

The painting of "Niagara Falls," which has just come from the studio of Frank C. Bromley and F. R. Green, and is at present on exhibition at Stevens Art Gallery, is one of the finest I have ever seen of the genius and talent of these young co-laborers. The subject has been handled in the realistic style that has already made these artists famous, the force of the picture almost carrying one in fancy to the brink of the great cataract, and the rush and roar of the tremendous torrent being all but perceptible. The soft effects of the spray dashed against the slippery rocks, the creamy, rock-fashed water beneath the Fall, and the emerald tints of the Horseshoe Fall are all reproduced with great faithfulness to nature. The canvas will be on exhibition at Stevens Art Gallery, Nos. 21 and 23 Adams street, Chicago, during the continuance of the Exposition, and should be visited by all lovers of Art.

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